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SUBJECT: SURINAM TRANSIT POINT FOR PAKISTAN HASHISH

THE SURINAM POLICE BROKE A MAJOR DRUG SMUGGLING RING OPERATION IN PARAMARIBO WITH THE ARREST OF EIGHT PERSONS AND CONFISCATION OF 15 KILOS PAKISTAN HASHISH. ACCORDING TO PRESS REPORTS NOVEMBER 14 AND 15 THE ARRESTS FOLLOWED AN INTENSIVE MONTH AND A HALF LONG INVESTIGATION IN CLOSE COOPERATION WITH DUTCH POLICE AND INTERPOL.

THE RING,, OPERATING FROM A PRIVATE HOME IN THE CENTRAL CITY, SHIPPED HASHISH FROM PAKISTAN TO SURINAM CONCEALED IN SEALED FOOD TINS AND CURIOS. THE DRUGS WERE THEN REPACKED IN LUGGAGE AND SENT TO THE NETHERLANDS BY COURIER.

THE OPERATION WAS UNCOVERED BY PASSPORT CONTROL SCHIPOL WHEN AN INSPECTING OFFICER QUESTIONED A COURIER CONCERNING HIS FREQUENT TRAVEL BETWEEN SURINAM AND THE NETHERLANDS. WHEN THE SUBJECT OFFERED NO PLAUSIBLE EXPLANATION HIS BAGGAGE
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WAS INSPECTED. AGENTS FOUND LIGHTER-THAN-USUAL SEALED CON-

DENSED MILK TINS AND CURIOS WHICH CONTAINED HASHISH.

FURTHER INVESTIGATION LED BACK TO SURINAM AND PRODUCED THE ARRESTS AND CONFISCATION OF THE HASHISH.

POLICE BELIEVE THE OPERATION TO BE A YEAR OLD AND ESTIMATE THE TOTAL STREET VALUE OF HASHISH SHIPPED AT SFL 4.5 MILLION (US DOLS 2.52 MILLION). SUSPECTS NOW IN CUSTODY ARE NOT BELIEVED TO BE MAJOR FIGURES IN THE RING.

PRESS REPORTS TODAY INDICATE THAT THE "BIG MAN" A 32 YEAR OLD PAKISTANI AND HIS CO-CONSPIRATOR WIFE, NAMES UNKNOWN, ARE STILL BEING SOUGHT.
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